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SUBJ: ENEMIES OF ZIMBABWE LIBERATION STRUGGLE ACCUSED OF  
JASON MOYO'S ASSASSINATION

REF: LUSAKA 0199

SUMMARY: ANC SPOKESMEN AND ZAMBIAN PRESS ARE UNITED  
PUBLICLY IN ATTRIBUTING THE ASSASSINATION OF JASON MOYO  
JAN 22 (REFTEL) TO AGENTS OF THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT.  
HOWEVER, THERE ARE REPORTS THAT SOME ZAPU MEMBERS BELIEVE  
MUGABE EXTREMISTS MAY HAVE HAD A HAND IN THE KILLING.  
AND IN SALISBURY, MUZOREWA'S SUPPORTERS DEMONSTRATED IN  
FAVOR OF THE ASSASSINATION. WHOEVER WAS RESPONSIBLE,  
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MOYO'S ASSASSINATION DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR NATIONALIST  
UNITY. ZND SUMMARY.

1. THE JAN 24 PRESS QUOTES ANC SOURCES AS SAYING THAT THE  
PARCEL BOMB WHICH KILLED MOYO WAS POSTED BY "RHODESIAN RACISTS  
AND FASCISTS "FROM BOTSWANA. OF THE FOUR ANC MEMBERS PRESENT  
WITH MOYO WHEN HE OPENED THE PARCEL ONLY ONE OF THE TWO

HOSPITALIZED STILL IS IN THE HOSPITAL. THE JAN 24 TIMES OF ZAMBIA IDENTIFIES ONE OF THOSE LESS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN THE BLASK AS JOHN NKOMO, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF THE ANC, AND YOUNGER BROTHER OF JOSHUA NKOMO. IT IS EXPECTED THAT MOYO WILL BE BURIED SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE RETURN OF JOSHUA NKOMO THURSDAY. REPORTEDLY, NKOMO WAS INFORMED BY CABLE IN BELGRADE OF MOYO'S DEATH.

2. THE DAILY MAIL IN ITS EDITORIAL JAN 24 SEES MOYO'S ASSASSINATION AS "A LOGICAL FOLLOW-UP BY THE SMITH REGIME TO THE BUILD-UP OF THE NATIONALISTS STRENGTH BOTH ON THE BATTLEFIELD AND AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE." THE MAIL SEES THE DEATH OF MOYO, WHOM IT PRAISES AS HAVING BEEN LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF ZAPU, AS A BLOW TO THE LIBERATION CAUSE.

3. DAILY MAIL JANUARY 24 CARRIES REPORT FROM SALISBURY THAT 200 MOZOREWA SUPPORTERS (MOSTLY TEENAGERS) GATHERED OUTSIDE AN ANC/NKOMO OFFICIAL'S HOME JAN 23 TO CELEBRATE MOYO'S ASSASSINATION. CROWD REPORTEDLY CHANTED THAT WITH MOYO GONE, NKOMO IS FINISHED AND MUZOREWA COULD NOW BRING FREEDOM.

4. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT SOME LOCAL MEMBERS OF ZAPU BELIEVE MOYO WAS KILLED BY EXTREMIST FOLLOWERS OF MUGABE. THESE ZAPU MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT MUGABE'S MEN WERE CONCERNED ABOUT MOYO'S GROWING FOLLOWING AMONG THE ZIPA CADRES. THE MOYO MURDER THUS WILL BE LINKED IN THE MINDS OF SOME WITH CHITEPO'S IN 1975 WHICH WAS PERPETUATED BY KARANGAS ASSOCIATED  
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WITH MUGABE.

COMMENT: WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOYO'S DEATH MAY NEVER BE KNOWN. THE SAFEST VILLAIN FOR THE NATIONALISTS IS THE GOVERNMENT OF RHODESIA. ANY ATTEMPT TO PUBLICLY BLAME MOZOREWA OR MUGABE WOULD THREATEN TO TEAR NATIONALIST UNITY INTO MORE SHREDS THAN IT IS NOW. MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL FROM THE GRZ STANDPOINT WOULD BE PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS THAT MUGABE FORCES WERE RESPONSIBLE. THE GRZ HAS GIVEN ITS ALL OUT SUPPORT TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, WHICH IT PORTRAYS AS THE ONE HOPE FOR A UNIFIED STRUGGLE FOR ZIMBABWEAN INDEPENDENCE. FOR MUGABE SUPPORTERS TO BE ACCUSED OF THE DEED WOULD BE TO OPEN THE GRZ'S POLICY TO SEVERE QUESTION. ZAPU SUSPICIONS OF MUGABE MAY BE BRUIED ABOUT, BUT WE SUSPECT THEY WILL BE GIVEN LIMITED IF ANY ATTENTION BY THE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA. LOW

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